



## **May 2017 – Winter Campaign 39: Meeting on May 02, 2017**

### **From the Brigade Commander: Ed Root**

The book shelves of most Civil War historians, buffs and libraries are filled with accounts of Robert E. Lee, Ulysses Grant, T.J. Jackson, William T. Sharman and others. Books about the life and career of George Gordon Meade are few. We are gratified that Tom Huntington not only searched for George Meade, but found him. It was an informative and enjoyable evening and we are pleased that Tom and his wife Beth Ann joined us at our April meeting. A donation of \$50.00 was made to the Civil War Trust in Tom's name as a token of our appreciation.

Our trip to Falling Waters with George Franks was a great success. Much thanks is due to Bob McHugh for all his hard work planning the day.

By the time you receive this newsletter we will have been to Gettysburg on April 22nd for our annual conservation and preservation effort. I will report on the day at the May meeting.

On Wednesday, May 3 the unveiling of the refurbished Post 182 G.A.R. Monument will take place in Bethlehem's Rose Garden at 2PM. It will be a grand event with Mayor Donchez, City and School District officials and the Nitschmann Middle school students and band in attendance. Peter Maugle, Bethlehem native and NPS ranger at Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania NMP will be our keynote speaker and I will present about Captain Jonathon Taylor for whom the Post was named. The public is invited.

The **deadline for payment for our Americans At War Seminar is May 2nd**. I sincerely hope you will join us for this exciting event which is on May 06, 2017 at the Holiday Inn in Fogelsville. We will again have a Book Sale table outside our meeting room this month. All sales go toward defraying Conference costs.

Stop by and see Jim Duffy and Kay Bagenstose on your way into the room on every meeting night. Check out Jim's graph on the progress of this year's preservation fund raising effort and make sure to purchase your raffle tickets for our big June Preservation Raffle.

May 2nd is election night for those volunteers who maintain our fine organization. Please offer a hearty thank you to all who serve and also to Joe Riggs for his role as Nominating Committee Chair.

Mike Cavanaugh has over the years been bringing the 4 volume set of *The Rosters of the Union Army 1861-1865, Pennsylvania* to meeting. These books contain over 300,000 names gleaned from the National Archives and indicate the veterans rank and unit. If you're looking for info about a Pennsylvanian this is the place to start. Ed Oechsle will now be bringing these books to each meeting. Check them out at the back of the room. Thank you gentlemen!

**Don't forget to check out our website [www.cwrteasternpa.org](http://www.cwrteasternpa.org)**

**See you on May 2nd for Kathleen Thompson's presentation, "To the Breaking Point, The Toll of War on the Civil War Soldier."**

## About Our May 02 Speaker, Katie Logothetis Thompson



Kathleen Logothetis Thompson graduated from Siena College in May 2010 with a B.A. in History and a Certificate in Revolutionary Era Studies. She earned her M.A. in History from West Virginia University in May 2012. She is currently pursuing her PhD at West Virginia University with research on mental trauma in the Civil War. In addition, Kathleen was a seasonal interpreter at Fredericksburg & Spotsylvania National Military Park and is the co-editor of *Civil Discourse*, a blog on the long Civil War.

### **To the Breaking Point, The Toll of War on the Civil War Soldier**

While PTSD is a modern diagnosis, mental trauma and insanity were both present during the American Civil War. This presentation will explore how the war affected the soldiers mentally and how mental trauma and insanity were treated within the army. The experiences of soldiering and battle took a mental and physical toll on soldiers. By the middle of the war, the Union army had policies in place to treat mentally ill soldiers at the Government Hospital for the Insane, a result of the asylum movement in the antebellum period. Once there, soldiers recuperated under a system of “moral treatment.” Thus, the Civil War armies understood the existence of insanity and had measures in place to treat it, but believed it to be a result of moral or physical weakness and did not acknowledge the impact of war service on the mental state of soldiers.

## Do You **KNOW THE CIVIL WAR?**

Answers on Page 5

1. When Robert E. Lee spoke about a comrade's death he said 'I cannot think of him without weeping'. Who was he referring to?  
A) JEB Stuart    B) Stonewall Jackson    C) Braxton Bragg    D) Jubal Early
2. Who was the highest ranking naval officer in the Confederate navy?  
A) Raphael Semmes    B) Samuel Barron    C) George Minor    D) Franklin Buchanan
3. Who was the first black man who receive the US Medal of Honor?  
A) Cato Johnson    B) Frederick Douglas    C) Crispus Attucks    D) William H Carney

## Fall 2016 & Spring 2017 PROGRAM REGISTRATION DETAILS

**All Members and guests of the Lehigh Brigade are ordered to**

Holiday Inn Conference Center Lehigh Valley in Breinigsville

7736 Adrienne Drive Breinigsville, PA 18031    Phone 610-391-1000

**The deadline for accepting dinner reservations is the last Thursday, before the monthly meeting held on the first Tuesday of the month unless otherwise noted. Please note the deadline for making dinner reservations for the May 02 2017 meeting is Thursday, April 27, 2017.**

**For dinner reservations and/or information: Contact any of the following:**

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**Ed Oechsle – 610-882-9228** [ehoechsle@ptd.net](mailto:ehoechsle@ptd.net)

**Please Remember To Visit Our Website:** Our website is a treasure trove of up to date information about not only our Round Table and it' activities, but links to events of interest, research aids and other organizations of merit. Website: <http://www.cwrteasternpa.org/>

## **HEAD COUNT FOR April 2017 by James Duffy**

We had 49 attendees at the April meeting; thirty-two attended dinner and seventeen attendees walked in for the program only. **We are hoping your resolution for this year will be to attend the rest of our programs.**

# It's Baseball season so.....From *Civil War Times Illustrated* – August 1965 Issue

## \*\*\*\*\*All Star Civil War Lineup\*\*\*\*\* by Jay Luvaas

### The Union All Stars

- \* Manager: Ulysses S. Grant - Has good success with the two-platoon system; has developed a well balanced team; Possibly a bit lax in enforcing team rules.
- \* First Base: "Cump" Sherman - Watch this boy burn up the base paths; Reminds old timers of the "Georgia Peach"; Good at digging them out of the dirt; consistent hitter. Not popular with all the fans.
- \* Second Base: George Meade – Good pivot man; Team captain; Always dangerous at the plate. Would attract more attention with a favorable press.
- \* Third Base: "Fighting Joe" Hooker – Whiffs a lot since he was beamed in Chancellorsville; Plenty of natural ability; sometimes clutches under pressure; Good power but a sucker for an outside curve.
- \* Shortstop: Phil Sheridan – Larcenous base runner; Able to go from either side; Real sparkplug of the team's offense; Dangerous in the clutch.
- \* Catcher: "Rocky" Thomas – Real key to team defense; Good arm; plenty of power; Base runner don't take chances with this one.
- \* Right Field: "Speedy" Burnside – A real 'wall climber' which led to injuries last season at Fredericksburg; Has developed a rifle arm; Led the league in strike-outs last season.
- \* Center Field: Jim Wilson – One of the least publicized players in the league; A strong arm and plenty of speed; A good pull hitter; Candidate for 'Rookie of the Year'.
- \* Left Field: George McClellan – Plenty of natural ability; slow on the base paths; Probably brought up from the minors too soon.
- \* Pitcher: "Win" Hancock – Fireballer; tough with runners on base; The best of a weak staff.
- \* Pitcher: Bill Rosecrans – Has good stuff but experiences difficulty staying ahead of the batter
- \* Pitcher: "Chief" Custer – Rookie of the Year his first full season in the majors; Hasn't been the same since his last series with the Indians.

### The Confederate All Stars

- \* Manager: Robert E. Lee – Aggressive; not afraid to take risks; Lee gets along well with both the players and the front office, but who was it that said, "Nice guys don't finish first?"
- \* First Base: "Frenchie" Beauregard – Slick fielder; Has tendency to swing at bad pitches; Has never quite lived up to his pre-season notices.
- \* Second Base: Joe Johnston – Good field, no hit; Can make the double play; Has been peddled to several clubs because of his uncertain temperament.
- \* Third Base: "Texas John" Hood – Good at the hot corner; hangs tough at the bag; Provides

plenty of batting muscle when not on the disabled list.

- \* Shortstop: "Jeb" Stuart – Can play any position; best at shortstop; Good range; often hit for the circuit; A real crowd pleaser.
- \* Catcher: "Pete" Longstreet – A steady influence; plenty of power at the plate; A tough competitor and good pull hitter; Seems to have trouble hitting in Yankee Stadium.
- \* Right Field: Ranger Mosby – Hits well to all fields; excels at hit and run; Really shines when playing in his own field.
- \* Center Fielder: "Trader" Forrest – A tough competitor; Covers lots of ground in center; Can hit the long ball; An umpire baiter.
- \* Left Field: Bill Hardee – A real student of the game; Dangerous at the plate; One of the most underrated players in either league.
- \* Pitcher: "Stonewall" Jackson – Best right hander in the league; Blazing fastball; Uses dust off pitches; Can usually go the route; Chances for a successful season may well rest on Jackson's arm.
- \* Pitcher: "Brax" Bragg – Control pitcher; good for a couple of innings; Would probably work better on different club.

## **ANSWERS FOR DO YOUR KNOW THE CIVIL WAR?**

**Quiz on page 3**

1. A)
2. D)
3. D)

## **Campaign Print Raffle Prizes**

### **Civil War Roundtable Prizes for 2015 – 2016 Campaign Season**

<b><u>Prize</u></b>	<b><u>Title</u></b>	<b><u>Artist</u></b>
<b>Grand</b>	<i>Jackson and His Archangels</i>	Bradley Schmehl
<b>Second</b>	<i>The Vicksburg Campaign</i>	Ed Bearss
<b>Third</b>	<i>The Gettysburg Papers</i> 2 vols	Bandy & Freeland
<b>Fourth</b>	<i>The Civil War - A Narrative</i> 3 vols	Shelby Foote
<b>Fifth</b>	Mounted Artillery Artifact from Petersburg	Barry Arnold

**REMEMBER, WHEN YOU SUPPORT PRESERVATION, WE ARE ALL WINNERS!!!**

**In Appreciation of Tom Huntington's informative Presentation  
on General Meade on April 04, 2017**



Tom Huntington was thanked by Bob McHugh for his great presentation on April 04, 2017. Tom received a check for preservation in care of the Civil War Trust in Fredericksburg, MD.





### **Book Raffle Winners for April 04, 2017**



The winners of the April 2017 Book Raffle are (From left to right-, Roger Tice, Gary Weaver, Bill Frankenfield, Paul Bartlett, Russ Brewer, Chuck Cannon, and Emerson Wagner.

**Congratulations to the winners and thanks to everyone for supporting the preservation cause.**

## **Reminder: May 02, 2017 Elections**

**Slate of Elected and unelected Positions are Listed below- Those in bold are elected; all others are appointed.**

**Brigade Commanded - Ed Root (Past Brigade Commander)**

**Regimental Commander - Bob McHugh (Past Brigade Commander)**

**Company Commander - OPEN**

**Paymaster - Jim Duffy**

**Adjutant - Kay Bagenstose**

**Director - Kim Jacobs**

**Director - Ed Oechsle**

Director - Barry Arnold - terms ends 2018

Director - Bill Frankenfield - term ends 2018

Quartermaster - Tony Major (Past Brigade Commander)

Publicity - Bob McHugh, We would like someone to take/help Bob with this position) OPEN

Website - Tony Major (We would like someone to take this position or at least help)

Newsletter - Claire Kukielka

Membership - Jeff Gates (Past Brigade Commander)

Preservation - Kim Jacobs

Photographer - Jeff Heller (Past Brigade Commander)

Past Brigade Commander - Bob Ashcraft

Librarian - Kay Bagenstose

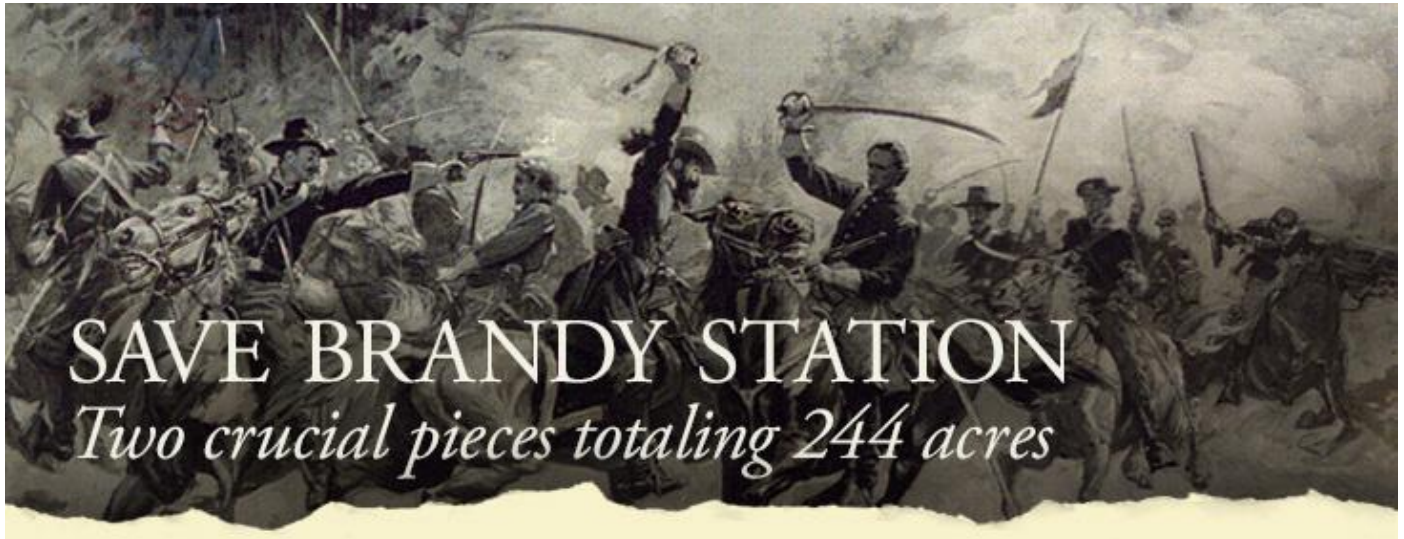
Brigade Clerks - Ed Oechsle, Carol Detweiler, Jim Duffy

**Remember, the election is in May and the installation is in June. There is still time to volunteer to hold office or committee chair.**



## From Our Own Preservation Chair Mr. Kim Jacobs

Kim reminds us that we can help with saving 244 acres with the Battle of Brandy Station. See below:



On the morning of June 9, 1863, Union cavalry splashed across the Rappahannock River at Beverly Ford, catching their Confederate counterparts unawares and initiating the Battle of Brandy Station, the largest cavalry battle ever fought in North America. Thanks to its members and partners, the Civil War Trust has saved more than 2,000 acres at this landmark battlefield. Now we have the chance to save 244 more acres at Brandy Station, two pieces of hallowed ground that had been previously unprotected and at risk.

After bravely withstanding several Union attacks, Confederate General W.H.F. "Rooney" Lee fell back from his position along a stone wall, near the Rappahannock River, and made a stand on the northern end of Fleetwood Hill. Here—on 70 acres the Civil War Trust is working to preserve—Lee withstood yet another attack led by Union General John Buford in what one observer called "the finest fighting of the war."

Farther to the south, near the village of Stevensburg, Union Colonel Alfred Duffié's division of cavalry met stiff resistance from two regiments of Confederate cavalry posted along Hansbrough's Ridge. These two regiments—men from South Carolina and Virginia—held Duffié's troops at arm's length until the Yankees were called away to assist in the fight at Fleetwood Hill. The Trust is now working to save the site of this bold stand—174 acres at Hansbrough's Ridge that also served as a winter quarters site for the Army of the Potomac in the winter of 1863-1864. We now have the chance to save these two crucial pieces of hallowed ground, adding to the more than 2,000 acres we have already saved at Brandy Station.

Help Save Brandy Station.

**Paste this link in your browser if you wish to donate to Brandy Station:**

**For donations:**

[https://secure3.convio.net/cwpt/site/Donation2;jsessionid=00000000.app30102b?df\\_id=6549&6549.donation=form1&NONCE\\_TOKEN=D7B3DD015329F5F809D78A415359FD34](https://secure3.convio.net/cwpt/site/Donation2;jsessionid=00000000.app30102b?df_id=6549&6549.donation=form1&NONCE_TOKEN=D7B3DD015329F5F809D78A415359FD34)

**And Frank Barna found an article on the miracles of preservation. These efforts are worth noting...The Battle of Glendale is just one of many battlefields saved by dedication, diligence, and dollars.**



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*The Civil War Trust's 30TH ANNIVERSARY MILESTONES*

Dear Carl,

As a supporter of battlefield preservation, you know there is still land to be saved at even our nation's largest battlefield parks. This makes the story of Glendale, a battlefield essentially saved from scratch, all the more significant. As one historian said, Glendale is a "preservation gem," thanks largely to the work you and I have done to save this key battlefield.

Fought on June 30, 1862, the Battle of Glendale, Virginia, was the penultimate engagement of the Seven Days Campaign—Robert E. Lee's attempt to drive the Federals

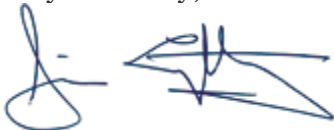
away from the Confederate capital at Richmond. Lee's army caught the Yankees off guard, but their attacks were poorly coordinated. Swift moving Union reinforcements arrived on the field just in time to stave off disaster, allowing the Federals to continue their retreat after dark.

In 2006, the Civil War Trust listed Glendale as one of the most endangered Civil War battlefields in the nation, and with only one acre independently protected by the National Park Service, the designation was fitting. One year earlier, the Trust acquired a crucial 43-acre tract at the very heart of the battlefield, and the first piece of Glendale's remarkable reclamation puzzle fell into place. This acquisition opened many doors in the tight knit community, giving preservationists real hope for the first time. Suddenly, we found ourselves in negotiations for an [additional 319 acres of highly significant historic land at Glendale](#), and the support poured in.

In 2014, our steadfast members helped to add 57 acres at a critical crossroads of the battlefield that was coveted by Gen. Robert E. Lee. As of December 2016, the Trust has transferred 625 acres to Richmond National Battlefield Park.

As you may well know, this year marks the battle's 30th anniversary. Since 1987, we have saved more than 45,000 acres of American battlefield land, and every step of the way I have been humbled by your generosity. Without you, battlefields like [Glendale](#) might not exist today. Supporters like you have been critical in the fight to save our hallowed ground, and I hope you feel as proud as I do about the land that we have preserved and interpreted for future generations.

Very Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jim Lighthizer', with a stylized, cursive script.

Jim Lighthizer



## Falling Waters Spring Trip – After Action Report

Many students of the Gettysburg campaign mark the close of fighting with the Confederate withdrawal from Cemetery Ridge following Pickett's Charge on July 3, 1863. However, that high water mark was soon followed by the high waters of the Potomac and an opportunity to trap Lee's army and allow General George Meade's victorious troops to finish the job. On April 1st fifteen resolute members of the round table traveled to western Maryland to join George Franks on a journey to discover the real end to the Gettysburg campaign on the banks of the Potomac River. The first stop of the tour took us to Williamsport, along the old Chesapeake and Ohio Canal. Here George related the pursuit by Union forces and the rebel preparations for defense. Meade decided to consult his corps commanders before pushing forward and this slight delay allowed Ewell's 2nd Corps to ford the Potomac at its confluence with the Conococheague Creek.

Not far from Williamsport we joined Bob Harsh, a local farmer and preservationist, who gave us a tour of his recently acquired property. He discussed the history of the area and plans to protect some of the surrounding countryside. The highlight was the presence of remnants of rifle pits and entrenchments. We then proceeded to the home of George Franks, built in 1830 and situated on a hill that witnessed the largest rearguard action of Lee's retreat. Our small company braved the chill winds as George described the cavalry charge of 100 troopers from the 6th Michigan against a line of surprised Confederates from A.P. Hill's 3rd Corps. Here, literally in George's backyard, we heard the story surrounding the mortal wounding of Brig. Gen. J. Johnston Pettigrew and the fate of his Union assailant, who was killed by a rebel using a boulder as his weapon of choice. The final leg of the tour took us, after a healthy hike, to the banks of the Potomac at Falling Waters. The last of the rebel forces escaped on a pontoon bridge and the Gettysburg campaign concluded just as it began, with John Buford's Union cavalry facing off against Heth's Confederates. At this point we expressed our gratitude to George Franks for an outstanding tour and decided to make another donation to his foundation to encourage future excursions. The tour was a great success and we all agreed to plan another day trip next spring.



George Franks describes the action in front of his home



George Franks with the round table at the site of Gen. Johnston Pettigrew's mortal wound.

